

Similarly, Mr. Habibie offered East Timor what was in effect a poisoned choice of immediate autonomy or immediate independence. That frightened even separatists among the Timorese, some of whom have been pleading for a more gradual process that would enable the province to better prepare for an orderly transition and successful independence.

But such is the rush to complete the voting process that East Timorese expressions of concern about timing have been largely brushed aside by outsiders who claim to be on their side. Such concerns have been unheard, or dismissed as impossible to address given Mr. Habibie's all-or-nothing adamancy. Better to take what you can get, and take it now, the rest of the world has been telling the Timorese. It's a shame it has to be so hurried, and now so bloody, but these things do happen.

If outsiders are not willing to protect East Timorese from the violent consequences of the process now under way, they should stop cheering so hard for the process. Having come so far, nobody likes to think of delay, not least because that would be seen as a victory for the dark forces within the Indonesian military and elsewhere. But standing idly by while the people of East Timor are propelled into a situation that is not simply risky but more or less expected to bring death and destruction will be a crime in itself.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, having just returned from Cambodia, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand, I was impressed by how deeply concerned regional leaders were over the status and conditions in East Timor.

Although the first really democratic elections to be held in Indonesia are coming up in June, the U.N. autonomy agreement, which should be announced today, was the focus of most of my discussions. While I was in the region, there was yet another explosive round of violence which left 17 dead. There is absolutely no question that most of these attacks are being carried out by militias which enjoy military support from the Indonesian armed forces.

I do not believe these militias are directly commanded by Indonesian officers. However, I do think these militias are both encouraged and equipped by individuals in the military who oppose autonomy or independence for East Timor. There clearly are officers with a vested interest in controlling the ports and trade through Timor. These individuals have put self interest above their nation's interest.

While in Jakarta I raised these specific concerns directly with General Wiranto. I believe he recognizes that these events damage Indonesia's stability and stature. I hope he will pursue a more aggressive course in the days to come to assure this spiral of violence ends.

In the meantime, I think we should make clear we will not allow US equipment to be used to further the violence in East Timor. I also believe it is essential to deploy civilian poll watchers and police to restore calm and credibility to the election process. To accomplish this goal in a timely and ef-

fective manner, I have initiated discussions with key congressional members to add funds to the supplemental bill to support a peacekeeping presence in East Timor. I understand that the UN estimates an election team supported by civilian police observers may cost as much as \$50 million. I fully expect our regional partners and Portugal to assume a leadership role in meeting these needs, but we have key interests in promoting Indonesian stability and security. I would hope we can commit roughly \$10 million to this endeavor. I am convinced that our support for an international monitoring initiative administered through the United Nations Trust Fund will help ease this crisis and offer the citizens of East Timor a real opportunity for reconciliation, peace and democracy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 97—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 2 THROUGH 8, 1999, AS THE 14TH ANNUAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, AND DESIGNATING TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1999, AS NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GORTON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MACK, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 97

Whereas the foundation of American freedom and democracy is a strong, effective system of education where every child has the opportunity to learn in a safe and nurturing environment;

Whereas a first rate education system depends on a partnership between parents, principals, teachers, and children;

Whereas much of the success of our Nation during the 20th Century (the American Century) is the result of the hard work and dedication of teachers across the Nation;

Whereas in addition to a child's family, knowledgeable and skillful teachers can have a profound impact on the child's early development and future success;

Whereas many people spend their lives building careers, teachers spend their careers building lives;

Whereas our Nation's teachers serve our Nation's children beyond the call of duty as coaches, mentors, and advisers without regard to fame or fortune; and

Whereas across our Nation nearly 3,000,000 men and women experience the joys of teaching young minds the virtues of reading, writing, and arithmetic: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of May 2 through 8, 1999, as the "14th Annual Teacher Appreciation Week";

(2) designates Tuesday, May 4, 1999, as "National Teacher Day"; and

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to take a moment out of their busy lives to say thanks and pay tribute to our Nation's teachers.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1999

BRYAN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 303

Mr. BRYAN (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 900) to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 14, strike lines 8 and 9 and insert the following: "are well managed;

"(C) all of the insured depository institution subsidiaries of the bank holding company have achieved a rating of 'satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs', or better, at the most recent examination of each such institution under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977; and

"(D) the bank holding company has filed).

On page 14, line 20, strike "and (B)" and insert ", (B), and (C)".

On page 18, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"(5) LIMITATION.—A bank holding company shall not be required to divest any company held, or terminate any activity conducted pursuant to, subsection (k) solely because of a failure to comply with subsection (l)(1)(C).

On page 66, strike lines 7 and 8 and insert the following: "bank is well capitalized and well managed;

"(E) each insured depository institution affiliate of the national bank has achieved a rating of 'satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs', or better, at the most recent examination of each such institution under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977; and

"(F) the national bank has received the".

On page 66, line 12, strike "subparagraph (D)" and insert "subparagraphs (D) and (E)".

On page 66, line 16, insert before the period " , except that the Comptroller may not require a national bank to divest control of or otherwise terminate affiliation with a financial subsidiary based on noncompliance with paragraph (1)(E)".

On page 96, strike line 23 and all that follows through page 98, line 4.

On page 104, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 105, line 14.

Redesignate sections 304 through 307 and sections 309 through 311 as sections 303 through 309, respectively.

Amend the table of contents accordingly.

REID AMENDMENT NO. 304

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 900), supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . FEDERAL RESERVE AUDITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 11A the following:

"SEC. 11B. ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

"(a) AUDIT REQUIRED.—Each Federal reserve bank shall annually obtain an audit of